

## ***“The Art of Skillful Living – Week 7”***

Proverbs 12:13-23, 3:27-30

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Your life story is written with your words, so avoid foolish speech traps.

### **AVOID FOOLISH SPEECH TRAPS:**

- 1) BE INNOCENT (v. 13-14)
- 2) LISTEN TO ADVICE (v. 15)
- 3) OVERLOOK INSULTS (v. 16)
- 4) BE TRUE AND TRUTHFUL (v. 17)
- 5) CHOOSE CAREFULLY (v. 18)
- 6) CONSIDER ETERNAL IMPACT (v. 19)
- 7) PROMOTE PEACE AND FIND JOY (v. 20-21)
- 8) SPEAK TO PLEASE GOD (v. 22)
- 9) HUMBLY REIGN IT IN (v. 23)

**READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK:** Proverbs 6:16-19

## **Discussion Questions**

**ICEBREAKER:** What words best describe you and why?

- 1) How would you define being innocent in your speech?
- 2) How do your words indicate what you're filled with?
- 3) What is the connection between fruit and work of their hands?
- 4) What keeps a fool from listening to advice?
- 5) How should we respond to advice that seems insulting?
- 6) How are reckless words like swords?
- 7) What are some examples of words that heal?
- 8) How does Matthew 12:36 help you think of the eternal impact of your words?
- 9) How does speaking truthfully promote peace?
- 10) How does that peace bring you joy?
- 11) What kind of speech delights God and why?
- 12) How do you know when being silent is wisest?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?